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Forest Accomplishment Report
Pacific Northwest Region
Recreation Fees 2009

Willamette National Forest



Recreation fees are an investment in outdoor recreation. Current and future generations will benefit as 95% of the funds are reinvested in the facilities and services that visitors enjoy, use and value.

Accomplishments provided with recreation fees:

- Completed maintenance and operational tasks at fee sites: inspected facility and grounds, assessed and removed hazard trees, brushed and cleared vegetation, maintained signs and information boards, replaced picnic tables, tested water, refilled propane tanks, and contracted garbage collection, toilet pumping and septic services.
- Purchased solar panels for toilet buildings at **North Waldo Day Use** and **Salt Creek Falls**.
- Purchased planking for **Salt Creek Falls'** footbridge and repaired electrical system at **Salt Creek observation site**.
- Improved accessibility for wheelchairs at **Daly Lake Trail**; installed fire rings and additional picnic tables.
- Installed new information boards and barrier posts at **Marion Forks Campground**.
- Purchased rails and partnered with **Backcountry Horsemen of America** to install fencing at **Big Meadows Horse Camp**. Installed two new toilets.
- Supported **Trailbridge Campground** host who maintained facilities, and provided visitor information and presence for an added sense of visitor security. Also, rented portable toilets, repaired flush toilet buildings and replaced mirrors, and added a water hookup to the host site.
- Repaired gravel parking spurs and added barriers at **Roaring River Group Campground**.
- Added recycling centers at **Roaring River** and **Horse Creek Group campgrounds**.
- Stained toilet building exteriors at **Proxy Falls, Santiam Pass Pacific Crest Trail** and **Linton Lake trailheads**.
- Leveraged Secure Rural School funds and completed improvements at **Lost Lake** and **Elk Lake campgrounds**:
 - Delineated campsites with barrier rocks and posts.
 - Installed picnic tables, fire rings, site posts, and information boards.
 - Increased patrols and service visits.
 - Stained and repaired toilets and added garbage service at **Lost Lake Campground**.
 - Purchased post and poles for fencing to protect meadow within **Elk Lake Campground**.

Special Feature

The spectacular emerald waters of **Three Pools Day Use Area** attract well over 15,000 visitors each year. With a focus on promoting a family-friendly recreation setting, this site received upgrades in 2009. Recreation fee funds and assistance from **Title II funds**, and **Marion County Corrections** and **Oregon Youth Employment Initiative** crews made possible a new large paved parking area, improved access to the river, an accessible river overlook, picnic tables, new toilet, and rail fencing for resource protection.



Willamette National Forest Revenue & Expenditures

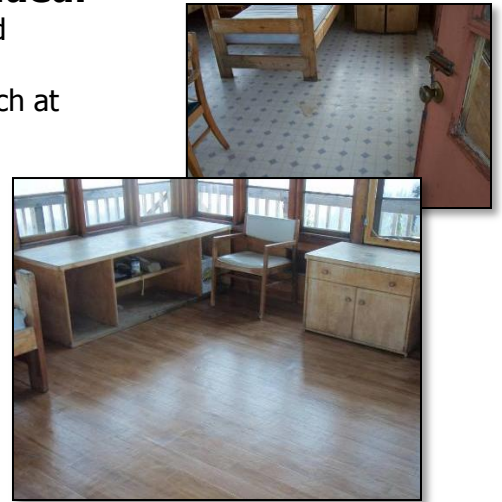
Revenue	
Source	Amount
Interagency Pass	\$11,454
Recreation Fees	\$289,761
Special Uses	\$36,095
Total	\$337,310

Expenditures*	
Source	Amount
Maintenance & Repair	\$199,428
Visitor Services	\$86,419
Law Enforcement	\$28,682
Cost of Collections	\$53,960
Total	\$368,489

*Expenditures may be funded from previous years' revenues.

Willamette National Forest accomplishments continued:

- Painted **Warner Mountain Lookout**; repaired leaks in roof and around window, and replaced door.
- Installed new propane tanks and window shades, and treated wood porch at **Timber Butte Cabin**.
- Painted floor at **Box Canyon Cabin**.
- Installed new security gate at **Timpanogas Shelter**.
- Replaced flooring, painted exterior, re-glazed windows, stained toilet building exterior, replaced structural bracing boards, and refinished interior walls at **Indian Ridge Lookout**.
- Leveraged fee funding with a Federal Highway Enhancement grant and labor provided by **Forest Service retirees, Sand Mountain Society** and numerous **individual volunteers** to conduct stabilization projects at the **Historic Fish Lake Remount Depot Cabin** rentals:
 - Repaired propane cook stove and replaced propane gas line to heater.
 - Repaired corrals and replaced rails.
 - Installed signs, brushed roadway and cleaned ditch along entrance road, and refurbished entrance gate.
 - Applied borate solution to foundation pier posts and exteriors that displayed fungal damage.
 - Removed fir needles from the roof, cleaned exterior logs, and serviced solar system batteries.
- Supported **Sand Mountain Society volunteers** who completed repairs at **Gold Butte Lookout**. Purchased materials for maintenance, and treated an ant infestation within the lookout and outhouse.
- Removed down trees and completed tread work on approximately 20 miles of trail.
- Supported staff who coordinated with and supported volunteer crews on various recreation site maintenance and improvement projects. Groups included: **Lane County Forest Work Camp, Marion County Corrections Crew, Lane and Linn County Juvenile Work Crews, and Youth Conservation Corps**.
- Offered interpretive programs: the 5-day Heritage Expedition that celebrated the contributions of the Civilian Conservation Corps, five Heritage Hikes, three wildflower hikes, three mushroom or berry-picking hikes, one wildlife hike, two winter snow hikes, and a streamside geology hike.
- Administered **Christmas tree permit program**: offered extended office hours on weekends, and funded staff who provided visitor assistance, information and patrols.
- Produced and posted the *McKenzie River Corridor* map with partnering agencies.
- Administered and monitored 45 river outfitter and guide and several land outfitter and guide special use permits. These entities offered rafting and kayaking trips, outdoor programs for youth at risk, bicycle tours, educational programs, hiking, and equestrian tours.
- Administered 13 recreation events under special use permit that included five mountain biking events, two trail runs, a National Forest Foundation benefit run, an automobile event, a winter festival, and portions of a Cycle Oregon event.



Before and after photos of Indian Ridge Lookout flooring.



Heritage Expedition participants

Willamette National Forest Projects Planned for 2010

- Complete maintenance and operational tasks at recreational sites: repair and replace features, test water, remove hazard trees, provide garbage and septic service, and patrol sites to provide visitor information, protection and security.
- Replace or install new picnic tables and fire rings at various sites.
- Maintain bulletin boards and interpretive panels, and replace information boards at numerous sites.
- Replace roof at **Indian Ridge Lookout**.
- Replace stairs and install solar panels at Warner **Mountain Lookout**.
- Construct two overlooks and install a visitor information booth at **Three Pools Day Use Area**.
- Improve accessibility of **Walden Ranch Trail**.
- Replace roof, repair chimney, refurbish ceiling, and install woodstove at **Box Canyon Cabin**.
- Install new vault toilets at **Obsidian Trailhead**.
- Install site identification signs at **Lost Lake** and **Elk Lake**, and replace the site sign at **Big Meadows campgrounds**.
- Continue restoration projects at **Historic Fish Lake Remount Depot**.
- Install McKenzie River corridor signs.
- Plan and implement a transitional permit system for outfitter and guides.



Marion County Corrections Crew assists in installation of fire rings and picnic tables at Elk Lake Campground.

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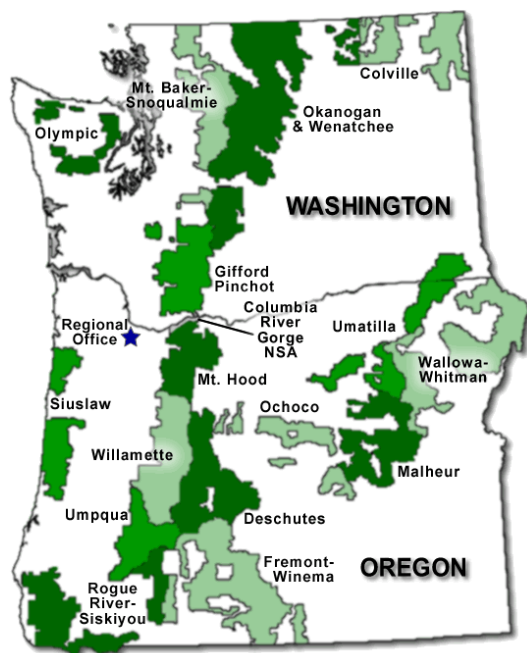
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Pacific Northwest Region Revenues & Expenditures

Revenue*	
Source	Amount
Interagency Pass	\$466,827
Recreation Fees	\$7,804,057
Special Uses	\$666,971
Total	\$8,937,856

Expenditures	
Source	Amount
Maintenance & Repair	\$3,712,891
Visitor Services	\$2,208,014
Law Enforcement	\$290,664
Cost of Collections	\$896,979
Habitat Restoration	\$21,200
Fee Agreements	\$17,050
Total	\$7,146,798

*Carryover funds will be used for large projects and the following season's startup costs.